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SUBJECT: LAOS--SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO VISIT HANOI, SAM NEUA

SOVIET AMBASSADOR VDOVINE HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE THAT HE PLANS TO DEPART VIENTIANE TOMORROW FOR HANOI AND SAM NEUA. VDOVINE PROMISED TO DISCUSS US POLICY OBJECTIVES IN LAOS INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF NVA TROOP WITHDRAWALS, WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND LAO COMMUNIST LEADERS. VDOVINE EARLIER HAD INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE INTENDED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT. HIS VISIT TO SAM NEUA WILL MARK THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1969 THAT A SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS TRAVELLED TO THE LAO COMMUNIST

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